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GEN. BOTHA AND WIFE HONORIZED IN LONDON

English Society Showers Honors on Man Who Led Boers in Late War.

SHE IS WORTHY CONSORT

Great-Grandniece of Emmet Arranged Peace With Lord Kitchener.

LONDON, April 27. Of all the colonial Premiers assembled in London for the Imperial conference, none has met with a more cordial reception than General Louis Botha, Prime Minister of the new Transvaal colony, who a few years ago held the Boer forces in the field against Lord Roberts.

General Botha and his family are being literally lionized by London society. The proudest nobles in the land have vied with government officials in entertaining them, and the general, his wife, two daughters and two sons are honored guests at the most exclusive social functions.

Mrs. Botha is a worthy consort to the brave soldier who succeeded Joubert as commander-in-chief of the Boers. She accompanied her husband on the field, and when she saw that further bloodshed was useless, arranged terms of surrender with Lord Kitchener.

She is a great-grandniece of Robert Emmet, the famous Irishman who was put to death by the English in 1802.

OFFICIALS SCARED BY VATICAN LETTERS

Correspondence With Nuncio in Paris Carried on in Mysterious Manner.

STRANGE REVELATIONS

PARIS, April 27. The publication of the Montagnini papers will probably cover a period of weeks. Meanwhile, many officials, great and little, are quaking in fear of further compromising statements, and this general fear of uneasiness prevails in ecclesiastical as well as government circles.

One curious fact elicited from today's revelation is that the Vatican conducted its correspondence with Mr. Montagnini with elaborate mystery. On some occasions he received an anonymous letter ordering him to be present at a certain rendezvous in Paris, whereupon the Nuncio would be handed a packet by an unknown messenger.

At other times he received a cipher telegram instructing him to go to a certain town, where a representative of the Vatican met him with letters from Cardinal Merry del Val.

Mr. Montagnini entered fully into these medieval methods. He kept some "suspected" archbishops and bishops and a great many "suspected" priests under constant surveillance, and confidential reports to the Vatican regarding these ecclesiastical minutiae were part of his daily routine. Minute particulars of their daily routine, in the papers now being published.

In a report to Cardinal Merry del Val, written last May, Mr. Montagnini comments on the victory of St. Clemenceau and observes that the socialist peril will be a greater menace to the government than the clerical peril.

The alleged conversation between Mr. Montagnini and the Dutch Minister at Paris, which resulted in the latter lodging an official disclaimer at the Foreign Office on Friday, is published by the Figaro. The Minister is reported as saying that France was becoming more and more corrupt.

Judge Rides in Railway Van.
LONDON, April 27.—The trains on Thursday to Cuckermouth, where the Cumberland Point-to-Point races were held, were full, and Justice Sutton, who is staying at Broughton Crags, found at Briglam Station that there was no room for him in any of the compartments. He rode in the guards' van with two hawkers who were slightly intoxicated, and several colliers.

SONS AGAINST FATHERS IN COLLEGE STRIFE

Students at the University of Lisbon Decide to Go on Strike.

LISBON, April 27. The country awaited in suspense the beginning of the summer term at the universities and colleges today. A general strike of the students had been threatened, and the threat was fulfilled.

The trouble arose from the "blowing" of a student at Coimbra University some months ago. The students protested against the "blowing" and mobbed one of the professors. Seven ringleaders were accordingly rusticated. This was announced during the Easter vacation. The result today was that practically all the students at Coimbra refused to resume their studies, in spite of the government's efforts to induce them to do so. The sons of the Prime Minister and of the Governor of Oporto joined the strikers.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at the gates of the colleges of Coimbra University, fathers attempting to compel their sons to enter. One infuriated parent drove his son before him with lusty blows from an umbrella, and was frantically hissed and hooted. Numbers of students ran away from home to avoid coercion. Others violently resisted their parents. One youth, in answer to his father's arguments, declared, amid wild applause: "Father, you are the author of my being, but remember that, above all else, I am a free citizen!"

There was conflict between the Lisbon Polytechnic students and the police, but it was without serious results. A white-headed professor, intervening in the riot, had his head and face blackened by well-aimed inkpots.

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Miss Emmet, Miss Botha and Mrs. Emmet-Botha



GENERAL BOTHA AND HIS FAMILY
Without doubt, the most interesting personality in the colonial conference now being held in London is General Louis Botha. Although General Botha is Prime Minister of the Transvaal, he is a native of Natal, having been born at Greytown in 1863. He was a member of the first Volksraad of the Transvaal, in which he represented Vryheid, and he acted for that district as veldt cornet at the beginning of the recent war, succeeding General Joubert as commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, which he commanded at the Battle of Colenso and during the rest of the war. Mrs. Botha is a grandniece of Robert Emmet, the famous Irish patriot.

DUKE AS A FIREMAN SAVES THREE LIVES

Brother of King Carlos of Portugal Proves Himself a Hero.

IN TERRIBLE TRAGEDY MISTAKE RECTIFIED

PARIS, April 27. A curious mistake occurred yesterday at the hospital at Amiens. Two young women had recently been attended there. One had given birth to a boy, and the other had given birth to a girl. Yesterday their babies were taken from them to be vaccinated. After the vaccination the babies, in their swaddling clothes, were returned to their mothers, who went away with them.

Soon afterward one of the mothers returned to the hospital in tears. Her child was a boy, but on returning home she discovered that the nurse had handed her a girl. She insisted on her boy being returned to her.

A scene of great confusion occurred, as nobody knew the address of the other mother. At last, toward midnight, the other mother arrived, greatly excited, complaining that she had been given a boy in mistake for her girl baby. The change was duly executed, and the two mothers went away happy.

MINE MAGNATES PLOT TO RUIN THE RAND

Effort to be Made to Coerce Transvaal Government on Question of Chinese Labor.

JOHANNESBURG, April 27. It is understood here that the following scheme has been decided upon by the heads of the mining houses.

When the Transvaal Parliament meets in June their representatives in the Chamber will move an amendment in the constitution to enable the contracts of the Chinese to be renewed; and, in view of the fact that probably half the Chinese will refuse to renew, the amendment is so designed as to enable further Chinese to be imported to keep up the present strength. If the Transvaal Government opposes, the mines will be closed and a crisis provoked, causing financial panic on the Rand. The mine owners calculate that this will cause the government to give way.

The magnates regard the Imperial government as a negligible quantity. They boast that they will make Lord Elgin climb down as quickly over the Chinese in the Transvaal as he did over the Zulus in Natal.

German's Bluster Over Edward's Visit
His "Pernicious Policy" Gradually Forging Fetters Around Empire of the Kaiser.

BERLIN, April 27. King Edward's visit to King Alfonso at Cartagena has provoked an amazing wave of disquiet in Germany, which finds expression in a wholesale outburst of Anglophobia in all sections of the press. Assurance that the visit was devoid of deep political significance are scorned as an attempt to throw dust in the eyes of Germany, which believes that Cartagena is only the latest link in the chain of hostile friendships which the "pernicious diplomacy" of the king is gradually forging around the German Empire.

Prince Buelow is advised to take the earliest opportunity in the Reichstag of flinging the "furor teutonicus" in the teeth of France and England, using the same tone as when he "finished off" Mr. Chamberlain's provocations. "While England is absorbed from the wish to investigate war, she is described as 'determined to boss the show in Europe,' and the king's diplomacy is said to be such that her neighbors will have no alternative but war."

Plea For the Lash.
LONDON, April 27.—Sentencing a youth, who had cowardly attacked his mother, Mr. Taylor, at Marylebone Police Court, said he was sorry he could not order corporal punishment. It would be a good thing if those who objected to corporal punishment would watch the proceedings in the London police courts, and if they preserved their opinions after hearing a case like the one before him—well, their minds must be abnormally constituted.

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PICNIC PARTY HELD PRISONERS IN CAVE

White Men on Holiday Trip in Basuto Country Assailed by Natives.

ESCAPE BY STRATAGEM

Ride in the Darkness of Night Filled With Exciting Adventures.

DURBAN, April 27. A remarkable incident occurred in Basutoland a few days ago. A picnic party decided to make a trip into the Basuto country, which they entered by a pass known as the Lahl' Inkubo, on the Natal frontier, and camped for the night in a cave in the Drakensberg.

Proceeding on their journey the following day, they asked a native to direct them to a cave in which they could take their midday meal. The Basuto appears to have given information of their presence, for toward evening the party was intercepted by a number of natives, the old man who appeared to be in charge carrying a gun. The Europeans were then arrested, accused of being "white men's spies," and taken to a place which had the appearance of a mountain stronghold beneath an overhanging cliff.

Here the visitors' horses were turned astray, and the headman, telling them that they would not be allowed to re-enter Natal, signified that they would have to continue without their horses, and would have to carry their saddles. After a night spent under surveillance in a cave, the Basutos maintaining a close watch upon their captives, the party made their escape by means of a stratagem, in which they were assisted by their Basuto guide, who helped them to capture the horses and led them back to the pass by which they had entered.

After a furious ride in the darkness, the precipitous nature of the country leading to several exciting adventures, the party reached the Natal side early on the morning after their escape, thoroughly spent and unharmed.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRESS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 27.—Among the judgment summonses heard at the Southwark County Court yesterday was one against two brothers, who were formerly farmers at Horton and Clonbrook. It was stated that since the debt was incurred, they had fallen on bad times, and one of the brothers was now working for \$5 a week on the very farm which had been in his family for more than 100 years.

IN QUEST OF GOLD BENEATH THE SEA

Expedition Leaves London to Seek Sunken Treasure Off the African Coast.

MILLIONS INVOLVED

LONDON, April 27. The yacht Alfred Nobel, once the property of the famous inventor of explosives, who left a fortune to endow men of science and advocates of peace, left the East India docks yesterday afternoon on a quest for sunken treasure in South African waters.

The commander of the Alfred Nobel, Captain Gardiner, acting for the South African Salvage Association, has several wrecks in view. Thirty million dollars' worth of treasure, at least, are supposed to be recoverable from the sea around the South African coast.

Captain Gardiner, who is an expert diver, has examined many of the wrecks, and would have entered them if he had possessed the machinery now contained in the Alfred Nobel, especially one of the most modern pumps for relieving the hulls from the sand in which they are imbedded.

There is the troopship Merston, sunk in Saldanha, in eighteen fathoms, and still resting on the rocks. She is supposed to contain \$50,000 in gold. There is the Thermopylae, wrecked in 1888 near the Green Point flashlight, and lying six or seven fathoms deep, with copper, tin, half a ton of silver ore and an unknown number of silver bars.

Nearly \$250,000 worth is expected to be brought up. There is the Wilhelm der Secunda, at Martha Point, containing a pirate's treasure. Then there is the Middeburgh, lost in 1838 in Hoofdes Bay. She will, in the opinion of the commander of the expedition, be easily cleared. There are at the lowest estimate fifteen other wrecks round the South African coast which can be located.

FUGITIVE LOVERS DIE TOGETHER IN THE TIBER

Joined With Rope and Rocks Attached, Bodies Are Found in the River.

SAD END OF ROMANCE

ROME, April 27. Two young Austrian visitors, Gustave Priffer and Flora Kulm, have met with a tragic end. In the latter days of March the Austrian Consul received a heart-breaking letter from Frau Priffer, who lives in a small town in Bohemia, asking the Consul to trace her son, who had written telling her that he intended to throw himself into the Tiber, together with his fiancée.

The police were informed by the Consul and supplied with photos of the young Austrians. The most exhaustive and anxious inquiries were made all over Rome, but were fruitless.

This morning a telegram from Flumicino, a small village near Rome, at the mouth of the Tiber, announced that the bodies of the missing couple had been found in the river bound together with strong ropes, and with heavy stones tied to their feet. Their features were terribly distorted by the agony of death.

It has now been ascertained that the young couple, after taking the communion in St. Peter's in Rome, walked to Flumicino, where they spent two days. On the third day they took a boat and went up the river, landing after a little time and disappearing in a small wood near the shore.

During the night, after blinding themselves neck and waist with strong ropes and tying heavy stones to their feet, the couple calmly walked into the river, and were soon carried toward the sea by a strong current. Before committing suicide they sent all their money and small souvenirs to their parents in Austria.

YARMOUTH'S LAST WINDMILL.

LONDON, April 27.—Yarmouth Town Council has decided to purchase for \$150 the last windmill left in the town. At one time there were quite a number. The development of the corporation building estate necessitates the removal of the mill.

MARCHIONESS AS CHURCH WARDEN.

LONDON, April 27.—The Dowager Marchioness of Exeter has been elected church warden of Deeping St. James, South Lincolnshire.

ITALIAN POET CHASED BY A SPOOK TABLE

Spirits Conjured at Seance Make Damaging Statements Against Him.

HIS WORKS DECRIED

Ride in the Darkness of Night Filled With Exciting Adventures.

ROME, April 27. An amazing adventure of the poet Gabriel d'Annunzio, who was chased by a spook table, is related by the Messaggero.

This newspaper declares that Signor d'Annunzio often goes to the villa of the Marquis Clement Origo, near Florence, to attend spiritualistic seances. During his last visit a small table, from the studio of the painter Corcos, was used, and the spirit, in response to an invitation to declare itself, answered in the conventional manner by rapping on this piece of furniture.

The spirit introduced itself as that of a gentleman who was killed recently in a motor accident, and immediately proceeded to make the most damaging statements against d'Annunzio, who, with his friends, at first smiled, but later began to show obvious uneasiness.

This troublesome spook was accordingly switched off and a second invoked, but matters only became worse, for the table seemed to be imbued with the most violent animosity against the poet. It moved steadily in his direction, and finally leaped at him with such violence that he was thrown against the wall.

The Marquis Origo, having calmed the table, asked the spirit for its opinion as to d'Annunzio's literary merit.

"All smoke," came the answer, "smoke which will be speedily dissipated."

The experimenters then decided to call on the spirit of a woman who died not long ago, but the statements made by her were such that the Messaggero refrains from publishing them, adding that the poet is about to issue a statement in reference to his remarkable adventure.

ABSCONDER AIDED BY SMUGGLERS AND POLICE

Seeks Sanctuary in Corfu, With Which France Has No Extraterritorial Treaty.

IS FINALLY EXPELLED THE COUNTRY ON REPRESENTATION OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, April 27. Fernand Bolles, a bookkeeper, whose manner of life caused his employers to give him notice, discovered in reading of the exploits of the runaway bank clerk Gailly that Greece had no extradition treaty with France, and therefore resolved to seek a sanctuary in Corfu, whither he fled in October, 1905, with \$27,500 from forged checks, and with Amelia Higoville, her sister, and her child.

His adventures were brought to light in the Paris courts today. "I tried to be an honest man," he explained, "but as my employers prevented me I resolved to be as dishonest as I could be." In a pretty little suburb of Corfu, handsome villas surrounded by palm trees and a world of roses, which has earned an unsavory reputation as the residence of many notorious characters from all parts of Europe, the party found a roomy villa, surrounded by a large garden, with a splendid view of the sea.

Purchased a Villa.
The landlord was a local notary. Bolles resolved to settle down, and bought the place for \$7000. Then, supposing himself safe from pursuit, he sent his friends in Paris picture postcards, one representing himself and his companions on the veranda.

From these Paris police found their clue. Two detectives visited the island, but one had to return to Athens to arrange for the expulsion of Bolles. Despite the intervention of the French Minister, delay followed delay, and meantime the chief of the Corfu police, a friend of Bolles' notary landlord, kept him acquainted—for a consideration—with what took place. One pretext of delay was that the matter could not be dealt with while the Hellenic Parliament was debating the question of molesting foreigners. Operations were, therefore, postponed till Parliament rose.

Aided by Police.
As a result of a formal complaint from the French Minister, the chief of the Corfu police and the smugglers. The French detectives calculate, however, that these "tips" did not cost more than \$1500, and believe that he has hidden away the remainder.

A Village For Sale.
LONDON, April 27.—Nearly the whole of the interesting village of Soubiray (Bucks) is to be sold next week. It forms part of the Liscombe estate, with a fine Elizabethan mansion, which has been in the Lovett family since the beginning of the fourteenth century.

BABIES SENT TO NURSE WHILE MOTHERS FIGHT

Seventeen Hundred Little Tots Stowed Safe Away From Scene of Bitter Strikes.

WOMEN'S EARS CUT OFF FOR RINGS THEY BORE

Gang of Toughs in Marseilles Terrorize Community by Series of Brutal Robberies.

MARSEILLES, April 27. The latest exploit of the hooligans of Marseilles has struck horror into the heart of every woman in that city.

A few nights ago a woman on her way home was suddenly approached on the Quai du Vieux Port by a stranger and asked to hand over her gold earrings. She started back in alarm, and a minute later screamed and fell fainting to the pavement. When she was picked up by a policeman it was found that the lobe of her left ear had been cut off, and the earring with it.

A woman wearing a pair of pearl earrings was accosted by a well-dressed man in a quiet street and asked to give up her earrings. She offered resistance and screamed, and in a minute her left ear was cut entirely off, and the thief ran away with the ear. Another woman lost both ears. Quite a number of women have been similarly robbed during the last few days.

Several ears have been found, and M. Cavalier, the Marseilles judge d'instruction, has had them preserved in alcohol. In one case the assailant has been captured and is to be tried before the assizes at Aix, when the ear will be produced as evidence.

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When Windels asked for payment the landlord told him mockingly to "call again." The costermonger thereupon drew his knife and stabbed the man to the heart. The murderer fled, and has not been arrested.

A TRIO OF NOTED BRITISH SPORTSWOMEN

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